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Many thanks for your two letters and the report. I am so glad to learn everything is going on satisfactorily there. I only hope that the rains will not disappoint us altogether and that the spectre of famine ~~which has been pursuing us for sometime~~ will cease to ~~torment~~ pursue us any more. I am going through the Reforms Report. It is a very well-written document and a most interesting one too. Do the Government of India expect us to express an opinion on the proposals concerning British India as well ? I shall be delighted to see your note on the proposals and I should like the Members of Council too to give me each a note on the suggestions made in the report with regard to Indian States and what attitude they would recommend me to adopt towards the Scheme.

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I am very pleased indeed to learn that there has been so much increase in Mulberry cultivation within recent years in Mysore. It seems to me, comparatively speaking, a minor matter whether it is the Government or the people that make most money in this industry so long as the latter are not outsiders but what I liked most in the Kashmir system was the Central Factory in which raw silk is produced from cocoons after a very careful and elaborate process which

ensures a high grade of silk. It will be sometime if ever before private enterprise can accomplish a work of this magnitude in Mysore. We must see how far the State can help the Industry in this direction. Silk not being a State monopoly, it is perhaps not so easy to have a central organisation like the Kashmir one in Mysore.

So far I have been having an enjoyable time here. I am going into the interior next week visiting the principal valleys. I intend leaving Srinagar on the 12th and arriving at Mysore on the 26th morning after visiting Peshawar, Lahore and a few other places enroute.

I hope you are keeping well and with all good wishes,